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Blacks To Decide Mississippi Race

by PAUL DELANEY

For the first time since reconstruction, the Black voters of Mississippi are in a position to determine the outcome of a statewide election.

The black vote, estimated at 307,000 or 28 per cent of the total number of registered voters could decide whether Liet. Gov. Charles Sullivan or William Waller, a lawyer, will be the Democratic nominee for Governor in a primary run-off next Tuesday.

Observers here said that the white vote was fairly well divided between the two candidates, thus making the black vote the potential difference.

Both candidates are well aware of this and have geared their campaigns to attract the black vote. The race-baiting campaigns of the past have been toned down, and the two men have conducted a more-moderate-than-thou campaign.

"There's never been anything like this in Missisippi," commented Hodding Carter 3d, white liberal editor of the Delta Democrat Times in Greenville, Miss.

Registration Up

The large number of registered black voters is a *surprise to many officials and leaders. Some feared that a new law requiring* all voters to re-register would result in fewer blacks on the voting rolls.

But Jerry DeLaughter, director of the Institute of Politics in Mississippi, said more blacks were registered now than ever before.

"This is the first time since the post-Reconstruction era that the black vote has been so important and the white politicians are acting accordingly," Mr Carter said.

He and others noted that, for the first time, race is not the major issue. The candidates seem to be more concerned about highways, unemployment, pollution, economic development and taxes.

But certain code words with racial conotations remain, such as busing, private schools and law and order.

For the first time in this century, however, white candidates have pledged themselves to promote fair employment and to appoint blacks to state jobs. A political advertisement for Mr Waller says that he "has not tried to pit black against white, rich against poor, young against old."

Leaders Divided

The change in Mississippi politics was so sudden that it appears to have caught black leaders off guard, resulting in some confusion and division.

For example, Charles Evers, the black Mayor of Fayette, Miss., who is running for Governor as an independent in the general elections next November, is urging blacks to vote only for local candidates and to ignore the primary runoff for the governorship. But other influential blacks, including Aaron Henry, head of the state National Association for the Advacement of Color-People, as well as some white liberals, oppose Mayor Ever's stand.

The Mayor failed in an earlier bid to have blacks vote for Jimmy Swan, who was accused of being anti-Negro. Mr Evers hoped to oppose Mr Swan in November, thus giving white voters a clear choice. But the same coalition of black and white moderates defeated Mr Evers' plan. Pat Derian, a Democratic national committeewoman, said that asking blacks to vote for Mr Swan "was like asking Jews to vote for Hitler."

Rejecting Mr Evers' proposal that blacks refuse to vote for a gubernatorial candidate, Mrs Derian asserted, "the black vote was bought with too much blood to not utilize."

'Same Old Soup'

But there is a strong feeling among some blacks and a few liberal whites that the political change is not significant. Mayor Evers' has said that the new politics is "the same old soup warmed over."

"The two candidates for Governor are trying to appear as moderates and I distrust this new label on them," Jason Berry, a white worker in Mr Evers' campaign, remarked. "They're better than candidates of the past," he added, "but putting the moderate tag on them is dangerous because they have not really changed that much."

Many black and liberal organizations have refused to endorse either candidate. In a meeting last night, the Jackson Political Action League, a black group, endorsed candidates for all offices except the Governor's.

Nevertheless, there are solid indications that white politicians are developing a healthy respect for the black vote.

Both Mr Sullivan and Mr Waller received sizable numbers of black votes in the primary. In the past, if a candidate got the black vote, his opponent used it against him, often successfully.

"There is no radical new world around here, just an accommodation to the reality of 300,000 new voters," Mr Carter said.

NOTICE — In this week's issue of the Valley Star, you will find a special progress report from the director of Community Affairs, Diocese of Saginaw. The report was submitted by executive director, Franklin M. Gary.

Samuel Perkins Heads 8,600 Delta Students

Can a 28-year-old, Black, Air Force veteran, father of six, make it as president of the student government at a two-year community college with 8,600 students?

Samuel L. Perkins thinks he can.

Perkins is the president of the Student Administrative Coalition, (SAC), a revised version of student government at Delta. He wasn't an eager candidate for the post but friends and fellow students thought he was the man for the job. They drafted him for election. He won and now, he's coming to grips with the problems involved in leading 8,000 students from all walks of life with a multitude of interests and diverse ideas on what college and college government is all about.

Perkins has been spending his summer months working full-time as a community developer at Saginaw Model Cities and putting into motion the student activities program for the Fall.

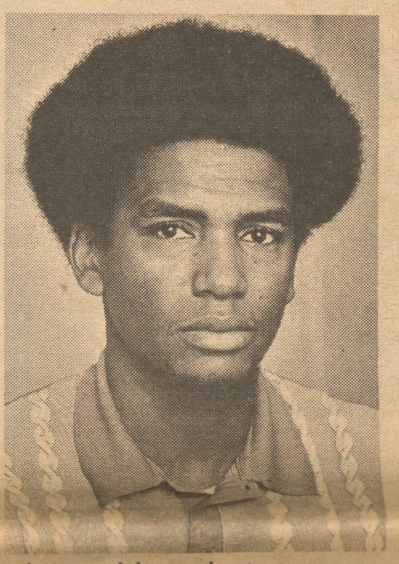
"Overcoming student apathy is the first major obstacle, admits Perkins, "and that's not a unique observation on my part. That problem has been here just about as long as the college. It certainly isn't new but it has to be dealt with."

Perkins' method of dealing with student apathy is unique, however. Instead of devoting his energies as president to booking concert engagements with big name bands and alloting budgets to clubs, Perkins is working toward a total program of activities and events that in one way or another involve every Delta Student.

A student-sponsored and organized orientation program the first week of school is the first step.

From there, Perkins hopes to get into some areas that haven't been tapped by student government before. Career counseling, motivational workshops and encounter groups are just a sampling of the Perkins-method.

Concert programs and on-campus speakers also fit into the picture but Perkins isn't just going after the big-name orators like Ralph Nader and Julian Bond. Instead, he hopes to draw on local talent, people involved in the community who have opinions and information to



share with students.

"It's a two-way street," explained Perkins. "We get the advantage of having well-qualified people on campus who can address themselves to issues that are directly affecting our communities and the speakers have the opportunity to hear what young people have to say."

Perkins also hopes to work with Delta's television station Channel 19 to set up a student television program that will deal with community problems.

Another ingredient of Perkins approach will be his personal involvement in the operation of the college.

"I hope to attend as many administrative and faculty meetings as possible," he stressed. "I think it's absolutely essential for the president of student government to be appriased of what is going on in the college – particularly in terms of decisions and events that will ultimately affect students. The president can't possibly work in a vacuum. He has to be tuned into what students are saying but he also has to know what the administration is doing in order to evaluate his responses and his request.

"Too often, the student president has tired to work in isolation. Because of this, there's no communication and no understanding."

Perkins plans to make speaking appearances at the meetings of the nine academic divisions of the college keeping the faculty up-to-date on student objectives and needs. Also in the Academic area, he hopes to have the SAC establish a scholarship committee which will go out and actively seek scholarship funding. He will be working toward the possible implementation of a Black Studies program on campus.

"Most importantly," stressed Perkins, "I hope to be establishing some long range objectives for student government so that the progress we make this year continues. A sense of continuity is extremely important, particularly in the community college. The rapid turn-over of two-year students and the changes in student government administration makes it difficult to establish any on-going programs," he explained. "I hope to be able to make some changes."

Perkins resides with his wife, Linda, and their six children at 648 S. Tenth Street in Saginaw.

At Camp Rotary

by Willie Moore

A week of camping in the northern woods along with swimming, fishing, riflery, and archery is the highlight of the year for many Boy Scouts and Camp Director Ron White and his staff give their all to make sure it is. This years staff is the finest in the more than 20 years existence of Camp Rotary.

The waterfront with swimming classes, rowing, and canoeing, mile swim qualifications, and merit badges is by far the busiest area in camp. Director Tom Wills and his staff of Pat Beck, Jim Boyce, and Ken Smith are usually working from morning till nearly midnight.

Central Lodge, the camp's new dining facility, was completed in time for this summer's campers to eat and relax in. It is a beautiful building and will be enjoyed for many years to come by everyone that goes to Camp Rotary.

During the week we had a flour fight, the camp was divided into two teams and each team had a giant sack of flour, after getting wet

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Proof Of Age In Advance Helps Social Security

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People who may soon be eligible for social security benefits can make the claim process easier by getting their birth certificates or other proofs in advance, according to Stefan Gasparovic, social security district manager in Saginaw.

Proof of age is a key factor in processing claims for social security benefits. Birthdates and relationships also must be established for dependents entitled to benefits.

"A birth or baptismal certificate recorded before your fifth birthday is usually adequate proof of your age," Gasparovic said. "But if either document is registered in a distant state or foreign country, it's advisable to send for a copy well ahead of when you'll need it.

Any social security office will help you develop proof of age," Gasparovic said.

"If a certificate was filed when you were born," he said, *"social security can tell you how and where to write to apply for a copy."*

If a birth or baptismal certificate is used as proof of age for social security, the document must be either the original or a copy certified by the records custodian, according to Gasparovic.

"If you can't get either a birth certificate or a baptismal certificate," he said, "proof of age may be developed from family Bibles, marriage records, school records, Federal census records, or other documents."

People who are otherwise eligible for social security retirement benefits need proof that they're 65 to collect full benefit – or that they're 62 or older to collect reduced benefits.

"You also have to show you are 65 or older to be covered by Medicare, which is administered by social security," Gasparovic said.

Children need proof of birth date and relationship to the worker involved if they are eligible for benefits.

"These children may collect monthly social security benefits until they're 18 – or until they're 22 if they remain fulltime students and unmarried," Gasparovic explained.

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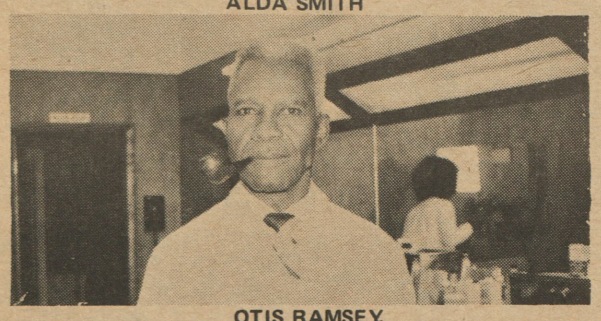

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After the wedding, there was a dinner for relatives and guests at the High Life Inn where everyone joined *to congratulate the new bride and groom.*

The new Mr and Mrs Flynn will both work and both plan on returning to college and finishing their education in January of next year.

Mexico Travel Restrictions

American youths under 18 desiring to visit Mexico are required to have the standard tourist card (issued free to U. S. citizens), passport, or birth certificate, and a notarized letter in duplicate, signed by both parents or guardians, authorizing the trip, according to the Mexican National Tourist Council. If one parent or guardian accompanies the youth, he or she will still need a notarized letter signed by the other.

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Black's Home Repair Firm Grows Slowly

BY DENNIS SHERE

LaVarne Cobb, 36, has dreams of someday having one of the biggest home modernization companies in Detroit.

It is difficult for him to accept the proposition that he may not make it. But his firm, Satisfactory Construction Co., is struggling and its business is only now starting to pick up.

Cobb says he knows why the company hasn't made it big yet. It's because he and most of his employes are black. He makes that assessment rather matter of factly – without bitterness.

Those who know him well say he doesn't need to struggle with Satisfactory Construction – that he could easily go back into business for himself as a small, independent contractor and make much more money than he's now earning as president of the firm.

But Cobb says he has more in mind than making money.

For one thing, he says he wants to prove that "a good home modernization company owned by Black people" can be successful.

Satisfactory Construction Co. is located at 7318 W. Warren. Cobb converted what was a store there into tastefully furnished offices and a pleasant reception area. His men did the remodeling, so it's an effective way to impress potential customers about the quality of the firms work.

Cobb employs not only his own crews but also spreads work he gets among 250 subcontractors, many of them black.

He hopes to do at least $2 million worth of business this year, but he won't reach that figure based on volume so far.

Cobb says Satisfactory Construction is qualified to perform any improvement job – from putting in new kitchens to remodeling recreation rooms.

He displays pictures of jobs his firm has done – with the smiling customers, both black and white, in the foregrounds holding signs with the company's name on them.

Cobb says, however, that he has difficulty getting work in both the white and black communities.

He believes some families are reluctant to do business with his company because they think it might not be around in the future to make good on the job if something goes wrong.

In a way, Cobb says, this attitude can be supported when you consider all of the black businesses that have been forced to close.

Cobb himself cites the situation of Ed Davis, the automobile industry's first black dealer. Davis had to close his Chrysler-Plymouth dealership at Dexter and Elmhurst because he couldn't attract enough business.

"We were hurt when Ed Davis closed down," Cobb says, "people started asking when Satisfactory and other companies were going down."

Cobb's firm is far from being broke, and he has ways of picking up additional business. For instance, he could work on remodeling projects for the Federal Housing Administration.

But to reach what he considers full potential, Cobb feels that he has to get private homeowners to rely on his company.

He thinks if he can succeed, it will be that much easier for the next black businessman to make it.

"I regard myself as a sort of economic missionary," he says.

"We must re-educate people to the fact that there are qualified black companies that can do their jobs and sell them quality products.

"I'm not asking people to give me a job because I'm black. I'm just asking them to give me the opportunity to show what I can do."

Recycling Saves Raw Materials And Environment

Recovering and recycling of raw materials has resulted in substantial savings, both for Eastman Kodak Company and the environment.

William H. Elinger, assistant superintendent says that the biggest volume job at the Rochester, N. Y., plant is recycling of solvents, acetates, polyester and silver. Kodak purchases an average of about 25 million troy ounces of silver and recovers an additional amount of about 19 million ounces annually, ranking it as the largest consumer of this precious metal in the world.

The procedures for recycling are so thorough that about 25 per cent of the silver halide crystals in any given batch have been through the production cycle at least once.

The same principles of recovery and reuse work on solvents, Mr. Elinger points out. Solvent requirements are about 300 million pounds per year for film, yet Kodak buys only 12 to 15 million pounds because of recycling.

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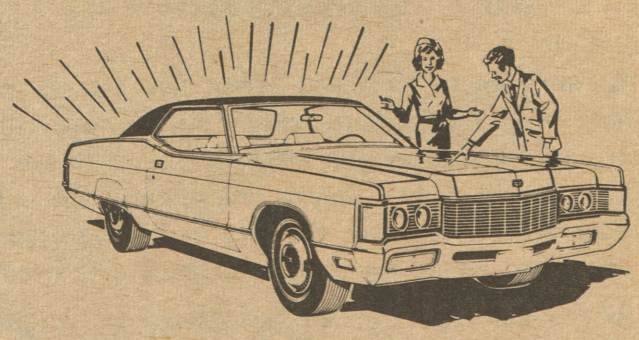

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Urges Black Support For Black African Interests

by THOMAS A. JOHNSON

Roy Innis, director of the Congress of Racial Equality, yesterday, urged massive black American support for black African interests, including a Washington lobby, trade agreements, domestic assitance and arms.

Mr Innis returned to the United States last week from a four week trip to Africa.

Vowing that his organization was going to push to bring about a United African Appeal, Mr Innis said in an interview that his plan was "no different from the activities of American Jews for Israel, the Irish for Ireland and the Italians for Italy."

He included the Caribbean and some South American nations where blacks live in his definition of Africa and said he hoped the efforts would assist these nations in ridding themselves of the economic controls of "their former colonial masters."

Mr Innis said that details of the New CORE thrust would be worked out by delegates to the organization's annual convention to be held in Harlem from October 7 through Oct. 10.

Strengths Discussed

The director of CORE said in the group's Harlem-based headquarters that CORE was "stronger in chapters, members and in money" than at any time since the organization abandoned its racial integration stance for a black nationalist philosophy when Mr Innis took over almost four years ago.

"We are the strongest non-religious national group in the country," he said. While he would not give details as to the number of members or chapters or to finances, he said: "We are inviting the whole world – black and white – to see for themselves what we are doing at our convention in Harlem."

He said that black Americans, as "the most prosperous and technologically and economically advanced (Blacks) at the moment," have an obligation to the "rest of the family in Africa" to create programs that would do the following things:

*Invest black American monies in Africa and open direct trade between the two groups.

*Organize blacks "so that we can respond immediately here to the problems in black Africa and to influence the American government to react within the best interests of black African nations."

*Allow black Americans "dual citizenship" as American as well as citizens of African nations.

*Influence the American government to increase financial aid to black Africa. In nations so that it equals *the scale of the aid that helped rehabilitate* European countries following World War II.

*Send skilled black professionals and technicians into black African nations" living with the people, helping them, teaching and learning."

*Respond to the military threats to the motherland from foreign attack.

*Pound for pound, Mr Innis said: "The black GI has proven in Korea, in Vietnam that he is the best possible soldier – proven this always while fighting wars against himself. Now the black veteran, out of work and in our streets, can use these skills that are not marketable in the job market to help free the continent from its enemies."

Black Liberation

Mr Innis suggested that such fighting men could be used in Guinea against "Portuguese attacks" and in, "the south Sudan where blacks are fighting Arabs as well as in other 'black liberation struggles' throughout the continent."

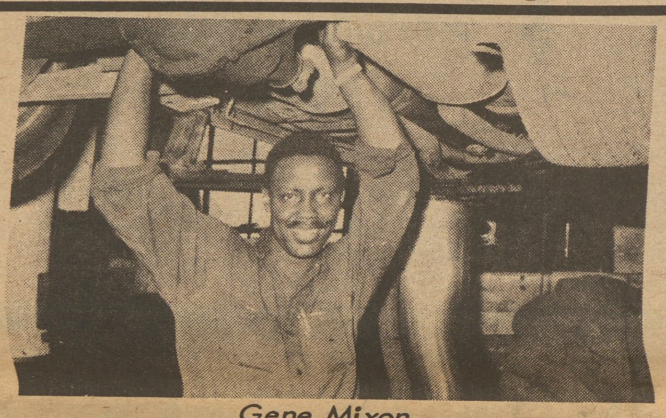
Traveling with seven CORE officials plus 86 CORE members who were vacationing in Africa, Mr Innis had made "official visits" to heads of state or their aides in Kenya, Tanzania, Liberia and Guinea. He also visited Ethiopia, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Senegal.

Although CORE's newly established Department of African Affairs will be a major effort, Mr Innis said that the group's national programs would also continue.

These include activist involvement with black causes – particularly community control causes in number of cities.

The African thrust, the CORE director said, is necessary at this time because it is vital for all blacks to see themselves as one family and to pool their strengths and interests.

He said he planned another trip soon – this time to Russia. He said he would study how the Soviet Union dealt with the problem of ethnic minorities and what he calls his search for "viable alternatives to integration." He said he also hoped to make a subsequent trip to China.



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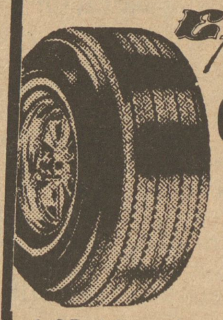

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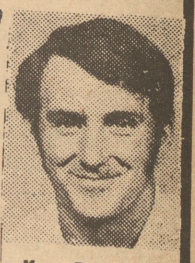

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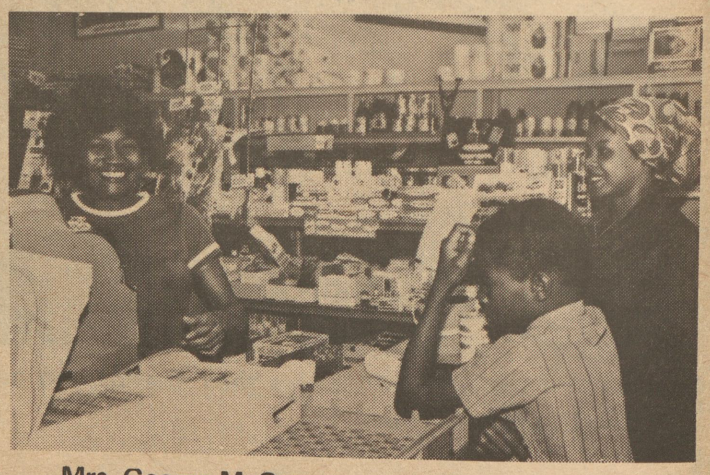

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The Community Affairs Department was created with the broad responsibility to define and initiate solutions to the grave social ills of our communities; to organize and involve minority group people in community organizations for their own political, social, economic well-being and in all matter which affect their own destinies and to develop programs of Christian leadership among men sensitive and responsive to the needs of the community and its people.

Our goals were to provide a wide range of programs at the parish and community levels designed to identify and program resolutions to community problems; to involve the total community in stimulating and inspiring individuals to seek higher levels of productivity, creativity and achievement; to change attitudes and behavior of individuals within the structure of our social and religious institutions and on a continuing basis carry on institutional and project research and development in areas concerned with the needs of the disadvantaged, the poor and all emerging racial minorities.

Many programs have been initiated in an attempt to achieve our stated goals and responsibilities.

To help individuals to achieve higher levels of productivity and creativity, we, through the cooperation of Delta College, Saginaw Valley College, Saginaw County Community Action Committee, Model Cities and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation initiated an Educational Training Program. The intent of this program was to provide whatever education and/or training may be required to increase an individual's general employability.

Stipends were awarded so that a person could attend business school for secretarial training or business training. In other cases, stipends were awarded so that an individual could enroll in an adult high school completion program.

Stipends were also awarded to those who wished to pursue courses at a community college to acquire a particular skill or to advance toward a degree by attending a regular four year institution.

In addition to the above, when a need for training existed in a general occupational category; such training was arranged and stipends awarded.

Whenever possible, such training programs were staffed by qualified individuals on loan from area firms and agencies. When such personnel was not available such services were purchased indirectly from student stipends; that is, stipends were awarded to the student who in turn paid the instructor.

Cash for education and training was split with the student. The program paid 80% and the student contributed 20%. We felt that an investment on the part of a student would increase his general interest and and desire to learn, in addition to removing the tones of charity or welfare which he would otherwise attach to such stipends.

Any texts which were required were purchased on the same basis as the tuitions stipends on an 80-20 split.

Eligibility for these stipends was established on an individual bases. However, persons receiving categorical assistance or direct relief were automatically eligible. The amount of each stipend depended upon the type of training and/or availability of desired education and training.

Since the launching of this program, a total of seventy-five (75) grants have been given. These grants were received by Blacks, Whites, Indians and Mexican-Americans, male and female.

The program to this point has been successful. Out of a total of seventy-five, only two individuals have dropped out. Those who drop out are required to return the unused portion of the grant as well as those who fail courses.

The department implemented a Vocational Training Program in Clothing Alterations for low-income residents of the Tri-County area.

The alterations couse was started for mildly retarded girls from low-income areas. Since these trainees did not have functional reading, it was necessary to provide a "hands-on" method of teaching.

This method has proved very successful, not only with the so-called "retardees," but also with so-called culturally deprived girls and women who were not comfortable in most classroom situations and could not learn by reading.

The program taught basic skills, basic clothing construction, mending, fabrics and alterations. It was completely vocationally oriented. The curriculum was flexible enough that a student could proceed at her own rate, so that the class could take advantage of current interests of particular students.

Where a student needed more specific training, or longer training, the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation paid for on-the-job training programs for them beyond the 10-week class.

Students were selected from handicapped and low-income population of the tri-county area served by Delta College, the Saginaw District Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, as well as the Saginaw Diocese.

Students were screened for: (1) prior knowledge and ability in sewing; (2) eligibility for DVR under physical, mental and sociogenic disorders; (3) need for a non-reading training course; and (4) receptivity to a sewing career.

This program was made possible through the coordinated efforts and cooperation of Mrs Marguerite B. Saro, Director, Office of Women's Education, Delta College, Mrs Billie Thomas, Instructor and Mrs Zena Zumeta, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

Trainees upon completion of their alteration course can gain additional job skills and training through the Neighborhood Enterprises incorporated. This is a skill development, job training and employment corporation whose main objective is to help community residents achieve their potential as individuals. This program is offered in a workshop setting, including wage payments for productive work and contract procurement from outside sources.

This program was the brain child of Thomas E. Bell, former Director of Saginaw County Community Action Committee. However, through the coordinated efforts of the Opportunities Industrialization Center, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation and the Community Affairs Department, the program has continued to be a viable one.

Continuing our effort to increase the level of productivity and creativity of individuals, the Community Affairs Department, St. Mary's Hospital, Opportunities Industrialization Center and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation cooperated in a six weeks Nurses Assistant program for men and women who were disadvantaged or handicapped. The program was geared to long range and training goals. Our only active was to increase the level of efficiency and the degree of training in broader areas for the trainee.

During the summer we were one of the co-sponsors with the Saginaw County Community Action Committee, the Opportunities Industrialization Center of Saginaw and the trusts Foundation of Second National Bank of a Black Arts Programs known as the UMOJA Arts Council. The primary purpose of this project was to promote cultural and technical opportunities for students and citizens of the community, those who had art skills and were interested in developing them into constructive experiences and careers. The program was designed to facilitate 50-75 students. The culminating activity of the eight week enrichment program was an art show the "Black Renaissance." The show attracted 4,200 citizens of our community. The Saginaw News did a four page magazine story on this project.

In order to increase minority group participation in the Building Trades as well as motivate minority youth between the ages of 17-19 years in this skilled trade, the Community Affairs Department, Health Department, Volunteer Bureau, Society for Physically Handicapped, Saginaw County Community Action Committee and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation coordinated their efforts and resources in setting up a four week carpentry project. Ten minority students (Blacks and Mexican-American) were given 800 hours of diverse instruction on the skills of the trade and its technical aspects. The culminating activity of the class was the construction of a proto-type home.

With the changing face of Michigan's farm labor, that is more automated labor, many problems have arisen, especially for migrants. Out of the Church's concern for this problem, and those affected by it, a Migrant Mobility Fund was designed. It was a program designed to increase the mobility of migrants who came to communities throughout the Diocese during the farming season. This fund aided such persons in meeting and taking care of human needs as well as those who wanted to leave the stream. Both were helped through this fund and the cooperation of United Migrants Opportunities Incorporated, Wadsworth Clinic and City-County Health Departments.

The final phase of the Mexican-American Culture was completed at St. Joseph's School. The purpose of the Center was to house curriculum materials for the teaching of Spanish Culture in the Diocese.

In order to foster a better understanding of Mexican-American culture, a one-day workshop was held for all Diocesan teachers as well as teachers and counselors from schools throughout Saginaw County. This workshop under the leadership of Joseph Garcia brought together all aspects of Spanish Culture for the workshop as well as Mexican leaders from across the country. The workshop was coordinated with the school office and other Mexican groups in the community.

Several programs have been implemented in an effort to build leadership among minority groups.

Two leadership conferences and workshops were conducted for Mexican-Americans around the techniques of Community Organization. One was held at St. Paul's Seminary and the other at the Angels of Retreat Center. Each under the leadership of Joseph Garcia.

During the months of March, April and May, we met with various Indian representatives across the state to assist them in their efforts to organize themselves. The first organizing conference was held at Petoskey in April with a second one planned for June.

Black Parent-Teachers Leadership Training Workshops were held in May, June and July. These workshops were held because of the increasing concern of the Community over the level of achievement as well as the high rate of suspensions and drop-outs in Black neighborhood schools.

The purpose of these workshops were to get the parents and teachers organized to explore and investigate new ideas, new methods and new techniques in education. Other goals were to develop leadership concepts with those involved; and to help parents and teachers to define their role in the education of Black Children.

Another leadership-training program was a three month experimental program located in the Black House that is operated by United Power, Inc. This program involved community persons, especially the youth, in group "rap" sessions at least three nights a week and one weekend afternoon. The group sessions were designed to bring about the beginning of critical thoughts on the part of the participants, covering any and all topics, such as (a) World politics, (b) black-white relationships (c) education and black people, (d) problem solving, (e) ethnic problems of other groups and Black/Black relationships.

One dynamic feature of the program was that at least once a week, a prominent Black person was invited in to hold a talk session with the Community participants. This allowed exposure of those Blacks who have been determined successful and/or relative to the community. These people included doctors, lawyers, corporation persons, social agency heads, ministers and educators.

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Betty Smith And Otis Jackson Resign

by Mike Pierrie

The Policy Board Meeting, Monday, August 23, 1971, held quite a few long, and at times confused, discussions on proposals that were presented at the Policy Board Meetings.

On Education and Manpower, there was quite an extensive discussion on what the HUD guidelines were on Education proposals, and also there weren't any persons present who really understood the guidelines or knew enough information on the subject discussed. It was requested that information be prepared on the guidelines and mailed to each member so it can be discussed further at the next meeting.

The proposals on Physical Development were received and filed by the Board. In discussing these proposals on Physical Development, a question was brought up asking if Model Cities money is supposed to be responsible to every family in the Model Neighborhood, as far as housing is concerned. In answer to the question, it was stated that this would have to be resolved with the Coordinating Committee, also that there would be a coordinating committee meeting called specifically to discuss Housing goals.

In giving an overall picture of what could be the possibilities in this Housing Program, one area discussed in helping the situation of Housing, would be to use Model Cities money as seed money (20% paid by Model Cities) and ask to get funds from Urban Renewal (the other 80%). Or use 236 scattered Housing development program or 235 Housing. This report was accepted for study. The Board would like to get a contract with a minority builder familiar with Model Cities specifications for a sort of co-op Housing Project.

In the Saginaw Valley Proposal, there was no submission to the City Council for a letter of intent to

BETTY SMITH

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go ahead with their project yet because of the large amounts of money that they want to receive for their project.

Another project proposed was the H.O.M.E. (Home Ownership, Managing the Environment). This is sponsored by Delta College and has as it's components, Consumer Education, Human Relations Skill Training, Family Financial Planning, and Home Maintenance. The objective of the program will be to provide educational assistance and counseling to assist in better financial planning and consumer purchasing education to assist the Model Cities residents in coping with his environment and providing information and counseling to maintain his home life more effectively through education to prevent inter-group conflict in his community.

The project is to involve 200 low income families, with an approximate size of five persons per family. Classroom study groups will be held at a minimum of six locations in the Model Cities area.

This project was tabled by the board until the group has a budget to present that is completed.

Also, at the Model Cities Policy Board Meeting, the resignations of Betty Smith, Coordinator of Citizen Participation; and Otis Jackson, Fiscal Advisor of Model Cities were received.

Otis Jackson will be working for General Motors after his resignation is final, August 27. Betty Smith's will be final as of September 2, 1971.

St. Joseph's Adult Education Program is asking for a letter of intent for $6,910 (for September 1 – October 30) until they can hope to get more money to operate under the second year proposal. The total amount needed for the year would be $27,840. The Board moved to submit this to the City Council for a vote. St. Joe's has already lost their high school, and doesn't want to lose the Adult Education program.

The Community Clinic Proposal, which will employ a certified physician at the clinic, also a bookkeeper and a secretary, was accepted to go to the City Council. There will be $30,000 of in-kind service provided by resident physicians and interns.

The salary for a full-time physician was left negotiable by the board for up to $40,000. Most of the money for this project will be seed money, then they will ask for Federal Funding for the rest of the project.

In the program there will, hopefully be preventive health program, health maintenance and other programs planned to keep up health standards of those

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United Area Credit Union Building Fast

Manager of the United Area Credit Union, located at the Multi-Purpose Center, spoke of the satisfactory response that has come from the people in the Model Neighborhood, as far as bringing in their money and depositing it with the Credit Union.

The United Area Credit Union, as some may know, is not a new organization in any way. It has been in the area and in operation for at *least twenty years. The United Area Credit Union was at one time a few or maybe six months ago, the Sacred Heart Parish Credit Union, but the Credit Union went into the Model Cities Program so they could better serve the people because they feel that their service is now so limited.*

The Credit Union is not the only Credit Union in the Model Neighborhood area. There is one specific area that United Area covers. This area covers from Johnson, to Walnut, to the river and to I-75. The whole purpose of United Area, is a place for people of this community to save, and to borrow money, payable at the interest rate (for borrowing) of 1 percent per month.

United Area is a non-profit organization and all the money that is accumulated from the interest rates, is directly given back to the people in dividends, so the Credit Union is in a way like a public service to the people in this area.

The United Area Credit Union has about 688 people who are members of this Credit Union, as of July 30. Each member has approximately $500.00 in the Credit Union and some have savings that total up *to $4000 to $5000. This is quite an active area said Gary Hiser, who is the manager of the United Area Credit Union.*

In the area, said Mr Hiser, there is a potential 9000 people in the area that are eligible to be part of United Area Credit Union. They are going to start an advertising campaign very soon to try and inform the people in the Model Neighborhood who know nothing of the United Area Credit Union about their services and the advantages that the Credit Union would have to them, such as helping them with their home improvement.

In being a part of the Credit Union, the people have the advantage of being able to borrow funds with small interest rates, bor-

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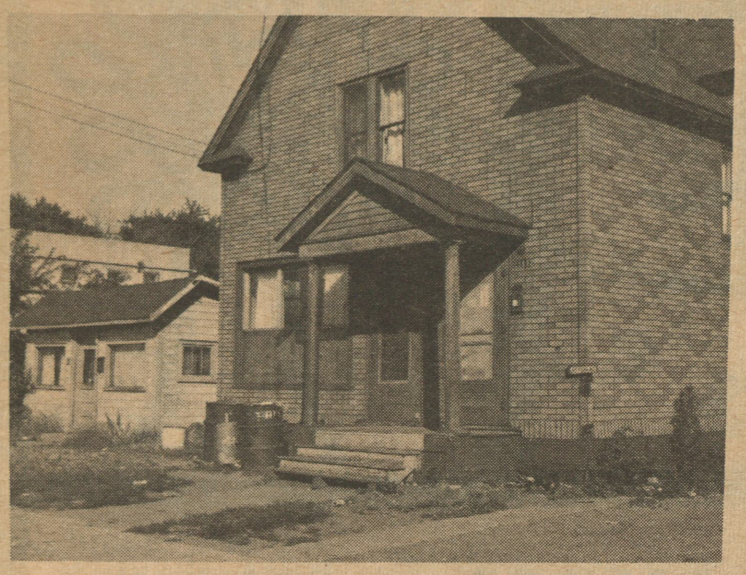
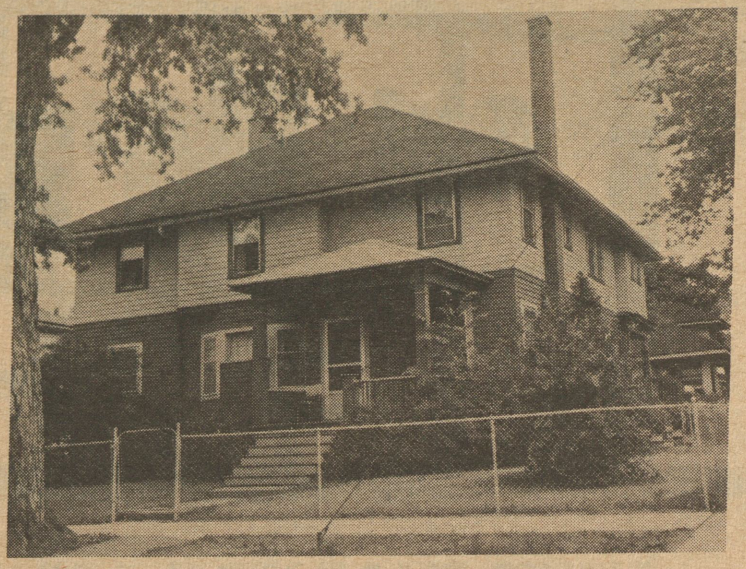
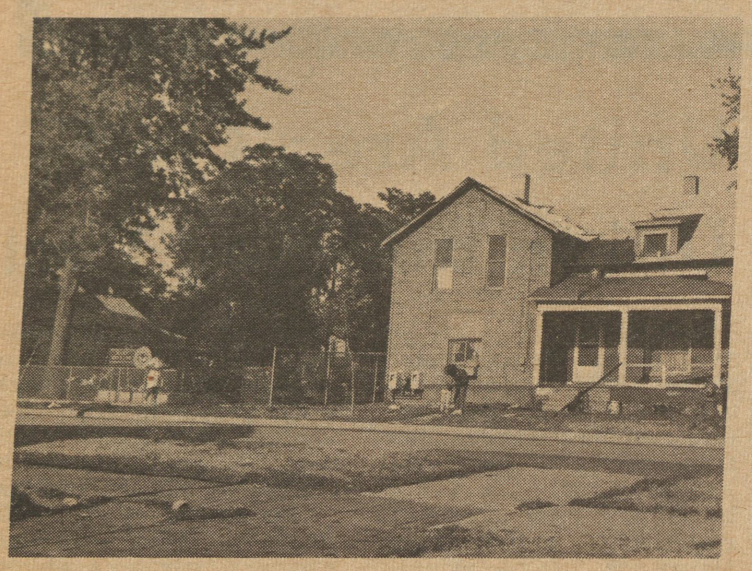
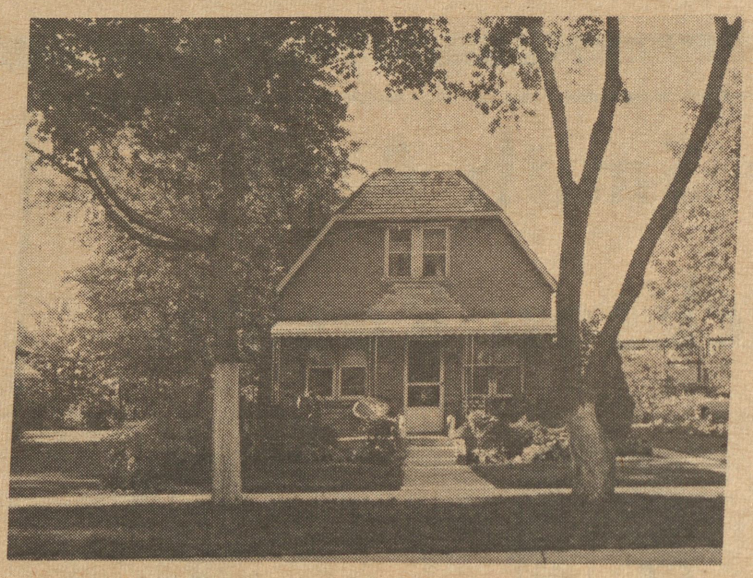
Model City Takes A Look At Neighborhood Homes





Model City News takes a look at homes in the Model Neighborhood and asks does your home look like this? Or this?





Eighth Annual Hunters Safety School Sept. 18

ENROLLMENT LIMIT 200
8th Hunter Safety School September 18

The Saginaw Field and Stream Club is accepting applications for its eighth annual hunter safety school to be conducted from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 18.

The school takes on added significance this year. Beginning with the hunting seasons of 1971, all hunters under the age of 17 must have a certificate stating that they have completed a hunter safety school before they can purchase a hunting license, unless they hunted during last year and can show their old hunting license.

Though the school is designed to help young hunters meet the requirements of this new law, youngsters from 11 to 16 years old are invited to attend the school to learn about safe gun and archery procedures even if they do not plan to go hunting.

Program chairman Dwight Ulman emphasizes that girls as well as boys are urged to sign up for the school.

Enrollment in the school *will be limited to 200 students. The deadline for filing* applications for the school is Sept. 16. The school will be conducted on the club grounds on Gleaner Road, about 3/4 of a mile north of M-46. Gleaner Road is 10 miles west of Saginaw, one mile west of M-52.

The school, co-sponsored by The Saginaw News, will *cover firearm safety in the field and at home. Instructors* will be club members and directors, National Rifle Association instructors, Michigan Hunter Safety instructors from the Saginaw Police Department.

The cost of the school is $1, which goes toward the ammunition used and the NRA handbooks on gun and bow safety.

Those interested in attending must have the written consent of their parents. Those attending are asked to provide their own noonday lunch. Soft drinks will be sold on the club rounds.

Those interested in obtaining a certificate necessary in order to purchase a 1971 hunting license may do so by completing the school and sending in $2 at the time of applying for the school. This $2 will be forwarded to the Department of Natural Resources. The names of those who complete the school will be recorded by the DNR and a certificate may be obtained later by writing to the DNR and paying the $2 fee.

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people in the Model Neighborhood.

One other large area of discussion was that there may be too much emphasis on education in the Model Cities program. Also questions arose on the financial package that was sending some 52 students to Saginaw Valley College. There will be further consideration given to these educational programs and the scope of them, to determine if there is a need for all of them.

Conduct Survey

By Mike Pierrie

During the week of August 9-13, the Police Community Relations Department conducted a survey of abandoned cars in the Model Neighborhood, utilizing Neighborhood youth Corps Workers, working in teams supervised by Community Service Workers, Miss Alicia Lopez, Joe Wyatt, and coordinated by Officer Ed Nowaczyk, Officer Dwite Dykman, and Mrs Mildred Henderson of the P.C.R. staff.

A tabulation of the results of cars found in a 245 square block area, was 188 cars. There were 14 cars in area #1, 11 cars found in area #2, 12 cars in area #3, 9 cars found in area #4, 58 cars found in area #5 and 84 in area #6.

A follow up survey will be conducted beginning August 30, to determine whether cars were removed voluntarily or not.

Most people were cooperative with the workers and the N.Y.C. workers and Community Service Workers are doing a very fine job with getting to the people in the neighborhood.

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Meeting Model Cities Policy Board

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 4:55 p.m. by the Chairman, Mr John Cisneros.

Those present were: Mr John Cisneros, Mrs Thelmond Page, Mrs Mildred Henderson, Social Services Committee; Mrs Mary Latimer, Physical Development; Miss Doretta Williams, Youth Council; Mrs Claudis Woodson, Senior Citizens Council; Mr George Hawkins, Police Community Relations; Mr Tom Woods, Saginaw Community Clinic; Mr Hy Rosenson, Educational Manpower.

A report was given from the Educational and Manpower Committee by Mrs Betty Smith in the absence of Mrs Rosetta Harrell.

The Physical Development report was given by Mrs Mary Latimer relative to the housing project for low income families. Mrs Betty Smith read the proposal from Delta College. The budget for the Consumer Education proposal is $75,000 and $43,000 has

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Youth Writes On Football Outlook

by WILLIE MOORE

Summer workouts are almost over, and the dreadful two a days are about to begin. That's the story for high school football players at Arthur Hill and Saginaw High. The high schools and junior highs begin their practices on August 30, a week after the high school practices begin. If you have a city league team, it wouldn't be a bad idea to start practicing in a week or two. For information on the City League, various age divisions, and other information, contact the Recreation Department at 753-5447.

Arthur Hill is starting a new era in football with new coaches and a lot of new players. There should be an improvement on their record of previous years.

Saginaw High should have a pretty good team too, with Steven Mason and Calvin O'-Neal leading the way to a possible state championship. So, give them all the support you can.

Not all thoughts of football are practicing. Some people are playing football at Alumni Field and even behind the Multi-Purpose Center where there are two good fields and one horrible one with glass and holes all over and they expect us to play there when there are two good fields not being used for anything and there's no reason for not letting us play football there. The Model Cities Program is supposed to benefit the Model Neighborhood but being high and mighty is not going to benefit anyone.

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row money even if they still have money in the Credit Union, and there is up to ten years to pay on loans of a sizeable sum.

The Credit Committee reviews the applications for a loan, and are very thorough and very fair in evaluation of the applications. Generally the applications are accepted if the people are in good standing with the Bureau of Credit.

Mr Hiser, in giving an overall picture of the way things are standing up as far as people paying back money that has been borrowed from the Credit Union, and as far as having in any way any difficulties, Mr Hiser said that there is really no problem with the people paying and that as far as he can see it, things are rolling along very smoothly and hopes that with their new advertising campaign, which they are putting together themselves, and with the hope that more people in the Model Neighborhood will start putting their money into the Credit Union, they will better serve the people in the neighborhood and help create a community of wealth for the people as a direct service to and for them.

Police Community League Relations Champs

by MIKE PIERRIE

The Morley Militants, a team in the Police Community Relations Baseball League, are now the champs of their league and will now be eligible to play the City champs in a bid to be the overall champs of the City.

Morley started late in the League and came from far behind with only one loss (to Martha Longstreet Bold Soul Brothers) in a spectacular ground-gaining effort.

The teams were as follows, with their coaches: Arthur Eddy Eagles, Coach Juan Garcia; German Pirates, Coach Arthur O'Neal; Houghton Black Bombers, Coach Leon Nixon; Martha Long Bold Soul Brothers, Coach Dwayne Williams; Morley Militants, Coach John Salter; Potter Panthers, Coach Jesse Jackson; Unity Park Roadrunners, Coach John Newton.

After the championship game, there was an Awards Ceremony, with a trophy, letter of appreciation, place ribbons, all-star team selected and sixteen prizes awarded. The prizes were selected by drawing, and drawn by Officer Ed Nowaczyk of the Community Relations office and a speech was given by Sergeant Duncan, Director of Police Community Relations.

There was also a picnic during the Awards Ceremony, where pictures were taken, the trophy awarded to the captain of the first place team, and pictures taken of the team also.

Refreshments for the picnic consisted of hot dogs, potato chips, soft drinks and ice cream. Each boy at the picnic had at least four hot dogs and quite a few servings of everything. The refreshments were furnished or rather donated by Vescios, Coca Cola Bottling Company, Frito-Lay Company, and various other companies.

The ages for being on the *teams ranged from 7 to 13 years although some of the boys did turn 14 after they joined the teams, later on.*

There was also assistance from the City Parks and Recreation Department to help the Police Community Relations people serve the food at the picnic.

One amazing thing that was pointed out by Mrs Mildred Henderson, of Police Community Relations, was that boys that were usually getting into trouble quite frequently, helped with coaching some of the teams, and this was very unusual, and they actually enjoyed working with the teams. Also helping with the conducting of the game, officers were used as umpires.

Mrs Henderson felt that the boys developed good sportsmenship along the line during the extent of the season and conducted themselves very well.

There will be another Police Community Relations Baseball League planned for next year to give the over 300 boys that participated this year in the beginning, (there was only 140 at the end of the season) and they hope that there will be even more boys and more teams involved next year.

This was almost an all Black League, with the exception of a few Chicanos and the boys were very cooperative in keeping the teams good name. The boys will also have some other athletics that they will be able to participate in this fall and winter. The activities will include basketball, football and other athletic activities that are *still in the planning stage.*

This league was the first of its kind in Saginaw, and there was very much success with it. The Police Comm. Relations people hope to have as much success with the other activities as they have had with the baseball league. It's kind of rough with their small staff, but they enjoyed doing it, and will enjoy doing it again.

Minutes Of Policy Board Meeting

The meeting of the Model Cities Policy Board was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by the Chairman, Mr Versie Reynolds. The roll was called and the following members were present:

Mrs Feliza Esparza, Girtha Green, Arlean Hardeman, George Hawkins, Mary Latimer, Daniel Soza, Sr., William Crofton, Versie Reynolds, Mrs Thelmond Page, Raul Salazar, Downtown Saginaw Association, G. I. Forum, La Raza Unida, Board of Education, Department of Social Services.

The minutes were not read inasmuch as copies had been mailed to Policy Board Members. They were approved with one correction on Page 3 with regards to the comments which had been made by Councilman James. Mr Rosanson stated the sentences should end with the word, "relocated". He stated Councilman James had instructed him accordingly.

The chairman informed the board that Mr Sam Riley, HUD Representative who was scheduled to appear at the meeting would not be available for at least two weeks.

COMMUNICATIONS

There was a report from the Senior Citizens Committee.

Mr Joe Garcia gave a report on the Spanish-Speaking Information Center. He stated the committee had met with the Planning Committee on August 2, 1971. Mr Garcia made a motion that the Spanish-Speaking Information Proposal be approved as submitted to the Board of Directors, and be drafted in contract form to go to City Council. Mr Salazar seconded the motion. Mr Zeltkalus stated that the budget should be cleared. The motion was withheld at this time as per the agenda. Mr Mercer gave a report from CDA in the absence of Mr Chapis. He informed the Board that the CDA staff had moved to 503 N. Jefferson.

A citizen, Mrs Andrew Moody questioned Mr Garcia relative to the Spanish-Speaking Information Center. She expressed concern as to whether or not money earmarked for Model Neighborhood residents should be spent on the West Side of the City and particularly the Latin American Affairs Department.

Mr Garcia stated the Latin-American Affairs Department services Catholics and no one else. Stated it was Catholic sponsored.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr Bridgewater presented his Youth Cultural Enrichment Proposal and answered questions regarding the proposal. Mr James Shelby informed the Board that $50,000 had been originally stipulated for this program, however, nothing was ever done about it.

A motion was made by Mr Roseuson to accept the Youth Cultural Enrichment Report and forward it to the CDA staff. It was seconded by Mr Hawkins. The motion was carried.

Mr Garcia restated his motion with a correction on page 3 which should read "CDA rather than "CAD" The motion was seconded by Mr Salazaar.

Mr Howard Smith stated the proposal should read, "and any other minority citizen."

A letter from HUD, Detroit Office, dated June 4, 1971 and signed by Maryann Taranowski, Acting Program Manager was read concerning the Spanish-Speaking Information Center. Mr Zeltkalns stated the only remaining question concerns the budget. Mr Reynolds informed the Board that the City Council had stated earlier they would not approve more than $30,000.

Mr Rosenson raised the *question of the budget being on a 3-month basis. The motion carried with* a show of hands. Affirmative 11 and 4 did not vote.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Mr Howard Smith, Chairman of SMCIC presented some viewpoints to the Board relative to HUD Guidelines, with reference to citizens organizations and technical assistance.

A request was made by Mr Crofton that minutes from the Policy Board Meetings be published in the Valley Star thereby allowing every interested citizen an opportunity to read the minutes.

Mr Garcia suggested that Model City News be printed in Spanish as well an English. Mr Colvin responded favorably to both suggestions.

Mr Edward Barrera, Michigan Civil Rights Commissioner, State level was present and he commended the Board on their harmonious working relationship which he described as being, "Positive Action."

Ball Games Sunday

Sunday, there will be a baseball scrimmage at Wicks Park against the Police Department and the Police Community Relations NYC workers.

The game will start at 3:00 p.m. on diamond number 3 Sunday, August 29.

The game is open to the public, so anyone wishing to go is welcome to go to the game.

NOTICE

VERY IMPORTANT MEETING FOR ALL SPANISH SPEAKING PEOPLE – Sunday, August 29, 1971, St. Joseph's Church Hall, 7th and Sears, Saginaw, Michigan, 2:00 p.m.

PURPOSE: Information, Discussion and Plan of Action Regarding:

(1) Mr Frank Ornelas has been nominated to run as a candidate for the City Council in the elections being held in November of this year.

(2) Spanish Speaking Information Center that will service the Spanish-speaking in Saginaw. (This is a Model Cities Program.)

It is very important everyone is present at this meeting because the interest and support of the entire community is needed so that we can make these two projects a reality. Both are for the benefit of the Spanish-Speaking People.

Thank you,

Gilberta Guevara

JUNTA DE IMPORTANCIA PARA TODA LA GENTE DE HABLE ESPANOL – Domingo, dia 29 de Agosto, 1971. Salon de la Iglesia de San Jose, Calle Sears y 7 en Saginaw, Michigan, alas 2:00 p.m.

Proposito: Informacion, Discusion y Plan De Accion Sobre:

(1) El Senor Francisco Ornelas fue nombrado en las nominaciones para ser condidato al Concilio Municipal en las eleciones que van a llevar a cabo en el mes de Noviembre de este ano.

ano.

(2) Centro de Information que peuda servir a los de habla espanol en Saginaw. (El Programa Ciudades Modelos.)

Es muy importante que todos esten presentes en esta junta porque se necesita el respaldo y el interes de todo el pueblo para que se realizen estos dos programa. Que son para beneficio de toda la gente de habla espanol.

Gracias,

Gilberta Guevara

THE PEOPLE SPEAK. . .

Speak Out On The Train Problem

"The new underpass and highway will help me get to work on time now."

JAMES JONES thinks that the new highways and the new underpass is a great step toward progress in his neighborhood. He said: "I remember when we used to get up to go to work in the morning, we would almost always have to wait for the trains to get out of our way. There wasn't any other way across the tracks so we would just have to wait until the trails moved. We would always be about a half an hour late for work. I think it was really needed in this neighborhood and I think others will agree with me."

Trains still tie-up traffic at times in the Norman Street area.

In asking some of the people in the Norman St. area about their sentiments on Model Cities Program, they had a wide category of feelings to express.

Quite a bit of the feelings had to do with the train situation which seems to have a lot of contrasting opinions.

Some people say, "Well, I think that the City should have asked us if we wanted them to do something about the trains down here. I think the situation is worse than it was before. Because we can't use the new underpass now, and the problem is even worse now." While others in a contrasting statement say, "This is something that was really needed in this area and it's going to help us quite a bit, especially when the highway is open.

You'll find that most of the feelings on this one particular development varys as the thoughts of the Model Cities development are exposed to various age groups.

"Most of us are too old for this program. It doesn't mean anything to us but it would if we were younger."

MRS FINEST PHILLIPS, 2131 Norman, Apartment #2 had a say about the Citizen Participation of the People in the Model Neighborhood.

Mrs Phillips, who did all the talking and let her husband have his picture taken instead of her had this to say: "I'm not too familiar with the Model Cities program any more because I have been under doctor's care for some time now. But I do feel that there are some nice programs in the Model Cities Program.

"In specific, I don't like the new underpass. Not because of the money it cost, but because the trains are rerouted and bring more noise into our Neighborhood. Being old it kind of bothers you. But the people could have voted against it if they had went to the Citizen Participation meetings, and I would have attended them, if I could have. But being sick it made it hard for me to do this."

"I think something should be done to stop kids from going around breaking glass in the streets and all around the neighborhood."

RONNIE JONES, of 1812 Syracuse says: "I know a lot about the youth projects in the Model Neighborhood. I personally think they should start a program to stop kids from going around breaking bottles all over the neighborhood and try to get them to help keep the neighborhood clean."

In speaking on the subject of what was needed in the neighborhood that he lived in, such as parks, playgrounds, and recreational facilities, Ronnie's answer was: "I don't think that we need anything else in the area of parks or playgrounds. I do think that we need more job training programs, though."

"Our neighborhood isn't as bad as most people think it is. We live decently down here just like everybody else. The only thing that I think we need down here is another high school close by because it's a long way to walk if you miss the bus, especially since the buses are on a limited schedule. I think we have a pretty good neighborhood.

Coordinator Resigns

Mr Jack L. Chapis, Administrator
Department of Model Cities
503 North Jefferson
Saginaw, Michigan
Dear Mr. Chapis:

I am tendering my resignation as Citizen Participation Coordinator and as a member of the City Demonstration Agency effective September 2, 1971.

During the year I have been a member of the staff of Model Cities, I have had many new experiences. Some have had a positive personal value; some a positive social value. Some experiences have been neither; those I do not wish to state. But, I would like to note here some of the things that I have found to be particularly rewarding.

1. The development of the Policy Board. I feel that the structures of the Board are designed to develop a sense of total community and to build bridges among the three groups represented (Model Neighborhood resident, Community at Large residents, and Agency Representatives). I would hope that this group would continue to work together for solutions of problems in this area when Model Cities no longer exists.

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MEETING

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been received from State Funds.

The Social Committee report was given by Mrs Mildred Henderson. She stated that the committee had met with Juvenile Rehabilitation, Youth Protective Service and Tom Woods of the Saginaw Community Clinic.

St. Joseph Proposal:

Budgetary change, $27,-000 of Model Cities Money for twelve (12) months. Mr Bob Viera will bring the budget of $10,000, for the First Action Year, to the Education Committee for referral to Mr Ace Lopez, of the City Demonstration Agency, so that he may meet with City Attorney (Nash) to draw a contract.

Mr Sam Riley will be here on August 31, 1971 to conduct training with the Policy Board on Citizen Participation. St. Joseph proposal will be submitted to the City Manager and the Mayor for a letter of intent.

Community Clinic, $9,789 First Action Year amendment – $30,000-$40,000 doctors salary pro-rated for fringe benefits.

Ask for a letter from the City Manager to proceed on the St. Joseph proposal. Transportation for the Handicapped was tabled.

Received Saginaw Valley College proposal for further study.

Miscellaneous:

Training session for Policy Board on August 31, 1971. Monday-Policy Board Meeting.

Progress Report

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The goals were to start our youth to think and become critical without condemning and how to effect meaningful change through the positive use of conflict and influence. This would also give them other images of the Black community, other than pimps, prostitutes, hustlers, etc. while at the same time developing some positive concept of "self."

The Community Affairs Department has been responsible for implementing Project Equality, Welfare Reform and the Campaign for Human Development.

Project Equality continues to move forward on State and National levels. However, it is not moving forward on the Diocesan level except in Saginaw and Midland. This does not mean that some parishes, agencies or institutions haven't committed themselves in other counties. But percentage wise, other counties have not responded as has Saginaw and Midland.

We have conducted workshops on this project in the Thumb Area under the leadership of Mrs Grace Willis of Port Sanilac. The same has been done in Saginaw under the leadership of Mrs Harold Lapin and Mrs Minnie Mooney, the Saginaw Deanery of Women, Midland Deanery of Women, Holty Spirit Parish and St. Mary's in Hemlock.

The Diocesan Campaign for Human Development was conducted in October and November. The Campaign's thrust was centered around efforts to educate the people of the major diocese as to the basic facts of poverty and the moral and Christian principles involved. These classes were taught at various parished and schools on the nature of poverty. Again, our major emphasis was not on money but helping people to see and understand their role as Christians as coming forth with moral and financial commitments necessary to remove the social, economic and political conditions under which the poor live.

Another major program in which we are involved in Welfare Reform. Bishop Reh commissioned the department to spearhead this project for the Diocese. Our fundamental task is to build a coalition, not only of Catholics, but Protestants and among all racial groups to deal with certain immediate, pressing problems of welfare recipients. We are also dealing with the more fundamental question of a major reform in federal and state welfare system.

In trying to build this kind of Coalition, we held a Diocesan Welfare Reform Conference on March 26, 1971 at St. Paul's Seminary for all paid staff of the Diocese. The primary purpose was to create an awareness of the problem and to inform the staff of the church's involvement and concern.

In addition, we have held letter writing campaigns to the Governor and our legislative representatives asking them to make certain reforms in Michigan's Welfare System. Then too, during the month of May, we took a caravan of women to the legislature to talk with our representatives on welfare reform. At the end of this trip, a giant rally was held on the steps of the Capital in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Detroit and the State Welfare Rights Organization of Michigan.

Several lectures were held at Kinde High School at Kinde, Michigan on the myths of Welfare and the need for reform.

Recently, we contacted over 5,000 persons by letter, asking them to write their representatives expressing opposition to the "Residency Bill" and Senate Bill 805 which deals with compulsary work laws for welfare recipients.

Our present stand on the question of welfare is as follows: We urge the Governor and the legislature to support and implement, through appropriate legislative action, a realistic and adequate welfare program based upon current cost of living standards.

Specifically we ask support for Governor's on welfare and its Commission Income Maintenance Recommendations which include:

1. A department of Social Services budget which grants $80 per week for a family of four; and
2. The inclusion of the Bureau of Labor Statistics low cost budget plan, or $4,874 for a family of four per year, phased in immediately, as a part of the DSS budget.

We oppose and find no justification for any law which requires residency for welfare eligibility.

We support and endorse the move toward federal leadership and participation to solve our serious welfare situation with adequate benefits and effective efficient programs; however, such help does not remove or justify a lessening of the state's responsibility to meet the needs of its poor.

Finally, we encourage the passage of the Department of Social Services budget which reflects the cost of living increase.

Throughout the present fiscal year, our thrust will be in Community Organization, Welfare Reform, Project Equality, Human Development (Self-Help projects) and closer coordination with other denominations who have departments comparable to Community Affairs. We will also have as one of our goals, the involvement of priests, nuns and laymen in our planning and community involvement. Then too, we will seek to coordinate through communication with parishes, priests, nuns and laymen all social action efforts in the Church and the Community aimed at social change.

Farmers paid $1.9 billion in federal and state income taxes in 1969.

Big Brothers Help Troubled Boys

By Mike Pierrie

Big Brothers, an organization which specializes in providing the guidance, companionship and need for male influence, in their time of being made fatherless or abandoned so young.

In the Big Brother program, each Big Brother is assigned to a little brother, and the Big Brother spends three or four hours a week with his Little Brother, or if he has more free time and would like to spend it with a little brother, he does that.

In the Big Brother Program, each story is not a success story as you would see in some movie myth, or read in a book, but the organization generally does have a majority of their cases turn out as successes, and usually every Little Brother that gets a Big Brother usually in the long run will have a friend and a remembrance that he shall remember for many years to come. This is also true with the Big Brothers too.

At the Big Brother office, through Hal Smith, Director of the Big Brother office I had the pleasure of speaking with three Big Brothers, and one case worker who recently became a Big Brother. They were Jim Gaddis, Ed Benson and Luther Hood; all Big Brothers, and Reggie *Banks; a case worker who recently became a Big Brother.*

In speaking with these people on their views on being Big Brothers, each had wonderful experiences that they had to share and these experiences that will always have a fond place in each of their hearts when ever they think of the times that they spent in coordinating these boys in life and the rewards of leading a good life.

Jim Gaddis, is 28 years old, is married and has a son thirteen months old. He, is his one year and four months with the program, feels that the Big Brother Program is a wonderful program, and feels that it is doing a tremondous amount in getting Little Brothers to grow up with some intent in life.

In his year and four months, he has been very enthused with the program and found it very pleasing. His Little Brother is ten years old, and the progress that has been made with him since November of seventy is, the problem to relate to each other was very strong, but now they have both began to talk freely to each other and express new ideas freely to each other. Also one other problem that the Little Brother had, was that he was afraid to go to junior high school because he was afraid of going there and getting beat up. But, Jim showed him how to defend himself, in case the time should arise where he should have to defend himself, and Jim also explained to his Little Brother that there is a time when one should and should not have to fight.

What motivated Jim in becoming a Big Brother was another Big Brother who invited him to a Big Brother function. He thought that being a Big Brother might help him to understand children in general, since he was planning on becoming a teacher and at one point, being a fatherless child himself, he knew the experience of not having a father, and the pain that goes with it.

Luthor Hood, a man who has for years devoted all the time he could possibly spare with helping a misguided boy, or leading a Boy Scout Troop, even heading church youth organizations, gave a run-down of his experiences with a Little Brother. Mr Hood has been very instrumental in the Big Brother program. He will be receiving his "Five Year Award" at a Big Brother ceremony coming up soon.

Mr Hood feels that the Big Brothers is a direct means of getting to a child in comparison to a church organization or group like the Boy Scouts, where you would be working in getting a group organized, whereas a Little Brother would need direct attention to feel the closeness of having someone with his same interest. Mr Hood feels that a 1-1 relationship is instrumental in providing a good sound *relationship, because there is a definite intimacy between Little Brother and* Big Brother.

Luthor Hood had no real problems in getting to know his new Little Brother. He said that the most important thing to keep in mind in meeting a Little Brother for the first time is to avoid meeting the mother right off hand, and avoid getting involved.

When Ed Benson joined Big Brothers, he said that there was a need, so he felt that there was something to offer so he went to check and see what the program had to offer that would be satisfactory to him. Ed didn't really feel that it was all that it seemed to be at first, but now has a lot brighter outlook on the program, now that he has been with it for a while.

Ed Benson thinks that there was no real problem with building friendship with his Little Brother and himself. He feels that they were both pretty well matched.

The thing that impressed Ed most about his Little brother was how much it could mean to a kid for him to be there.

There were a few upsetting instances in Ed's relationship with his Little Brother, one of those dealing with do's and dont's and his Little Brother's slipping of memory on things, but they still find an understanding in their relationship.

One thing that all the Big Brothers all agreed on was that they all preferred getting a young Little Brother because after a boy becomes a teenager, it becomes a little hard to help the boy after he has gone for a long time without male companionship. It makes him harder to reach and show that you really care.

Reggie Banks, a case worker with Big Brothers, and recently became a Big Brother himself, does a lot with screening the Big Brothers and getting Little Brothers background history. He also plays a hand in matching up the Big Brothers with Little Brothers.

Reggie really loves working with the Big Brother Program and is really happy to become a Big Brother. He doesn't actually have an extensive run-down of a *relationship with a Little Brother because it is so new, but he feels that there will be some very nice experiences shared by him and his new Little Brother.*

One problem that the Big Brother Organization is having, is that they have a lot of Little Brothers waiting to experience some kind of relationship with a Big Brother, but there aren't enough Big Brothers to go around. Big Brothers would appreciate any assistance they could get from any man, 21 or over interested in becoming a Big Brother. There are no special qualifications, only that you are interested in being a Big Brother and giving a boy some male guidance. The experience may be very rewarding to any male who has the desire to become a Big Brother.

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Therefore, today I feel it is high time you were told about some of the everyday people who live around you. Any similarity to anyone you know is pure coincidence. These are just folks. "Plain ol" type. Each in their own way has as tough a job as you'll find around here. Don't go trying to look them up, because you're not likely to find them. If you did, they wouldn't talk about themselves. That's not their style. Anyway, it's a change from those other "super" people we get up the kazoo every day. May I introduce:

Miss Kind Lee Face, a kindergarten teacher on the Westside, who has a bad back and works at a school in a neighborhood where all the children come with galoshes on if it's just a cloudy day. Miss Face estimates she has removed 426,983 pairs of galoshes in her career. The smell of chalk and crayons, incidentally, makes her sick. She hopes to retire if she can hold out just two more years.

Coach Spec Tator, a junior high coach downriver, who hasn't had a winning year in 17 seasons. In fact, his teams haven't won a game in 17 seasons. Coach Tator says he hopes they may at least score a touchdown this season, if he can only teach his backs their right hands from their lefts. Trouble is, Coach Tator doesn't know the difference either.

Dr. Bee Setupon, an innercity GP, who has never learned how to say no when asked to make a house call. Unfortunately, he has never learned how to read maps either, and has a poor sense of direction. So he spends most of his time riding around looking at house numbers and street names.

Rev. Rea Joyce, a minister in a small northwest Detroit church whose congregation has a way of dropping off to sleep during his sermons. Rev. Joyce would probably join them for a snooze, except for those young boys in the front pews who shoot broken paper clips at Rev. Joyce. Each Sunday Rev. Joyce finds it harder and harder to think of something to say and to dodge paper clips.

Mrs Taika Letter, secretary to a Detroit businessman who refuses to spend money for office equipment. Mrs Letter is forced to use a typewriter that is missing the "I," "S" and "O" keys. She types between 25 and 30 letters a day then has to write in by hand all the missing letters. She can't spell very well and the office dictionary is missing 103 pages.

Cloud E. Fair, a local weather forecaster who is, unfortunately, always right. Since no one ever believes what weathermen on TV say anyway and prepare for just the opposite, Fair creates problems for all his viewers and they are always mad at him. Some parents even send their kids over to spit on him and kick his legs when he's spotted in public. Fair also has never been able to tell a joke, giggle or appear to be "one of the boys" with the rest of the news crew. They spit on him and kick him, too.

Cal Q. Lator, a certified public accountant in Southfield, who can't break the habit of counting on his fingers. This is particularly embarrassing to him when he has to testify in court and face the inevitable snickering jury. He once had a hangnail cause him to throw 19 sets of books out of whack.

Pard Unme, a public relations man for a Detroit industrialist who has one main job – never allowing his boss to appear alone in public since the self-made-man's every other word is profane and abusive. Unme spends a great deal of his time with one hand over his boss' mouth and the other shaking hands in apology.

Dr. Red I. Ball, an optometrist on the eastside who has extremely crossed eyes and is terribly nearsighted, but is much too vain to wear glasses. He thinks his patients laugh at him because he tells funny stories, but they are laughing at the cross-eyed way he looks at them and asks, "Is something wrong with your eyes?"

Reid Allabouit, a Detroit newsboy who has been exactly one day behind for 31 years. Unfortunately for some of his customers, his papers have also been one day behind for 31 years.

S. U. Stained, a Detroit trial lawyer who has a very pronounced stutter and a remarkable record of never having lost a case because both judge and jury can't stand to hear him stuttering through his summations so they always give in to him. He also has uncontrollable hourly spells of hiccuping. Stained's clients, who always seem to be crooked, crooked, skip town without paying him.

Miss Spell Hitt, a star reporter for a suburban daily who has yet to get the first name, address, date or quote right but she is pretty good with figures – 38-22-36 – and her editor digs higher math.

So there they are, the unsung people. I sure hope I didn't skip anyone. If I did, I'll include you the next time around.

AT CAMP

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we all got two handfuls of flour and lined up facing our opponents about 20 yards away from us on a given signal we ran toward our opponents and threw the flour on them and vice versa until our flour was gone. The teams were inspected to see who had the most flour on them; needless to say it was a tie.

During the week we had a visit from Mr Beatty one of the top scout executives of our council. We also had the National Guard on the new property across the lake building a family campground and a beach. They visited our camp a few times and seemed to enjoy it. The work they did for our camp would never have been done otherwise because we could never have payed for all the work and the services of so many men. They also built a footbridge across the swamp so that you don't have to walk the long way on the road to get around camp.

There was a big fish contest and also a contest with the winner getting the silver axe award which was won by having the cleanest and most improved campsite during the whole week.

If you ever get to go to camp, it can be one of the busiest weeks in your life and also a lot of fun. The scouting program needs more black people so if you can get in a troop or explorer post to find out more call Scout Headquarters at 754-1416 and I'll see you at camp next summer.

My Neighbors

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St. Joseph Festival A Success

by CHARLENE BACON

A festive carnival atmosphere prevailed Sunday afternoon, August 22 at St. Joseph's Parish which held its fourth annual summer festival in the St. Joseph's School parking lot.

Everyone came, young mothers with infants in arms, teen-agers, parents and grandparents. And there was something for everyone to enjoy.

For the children, there were games and rides, including live ponies and that old circus favorite, pink cotton candy. For the adults there were games and prizes, including a huge pink bear named Cuddly and a bright red 1971 Chevrolet Vega. For the young people, rock music jangled and echoed from a loudspeaker on the school's back porch. Miss Lynn Sutton manned the microphone there on her perch above the crowd, announcing and describing all the many festival activities. And for everyone there was food, mountains of it, proclaimed periodically over the loudspeaker by the unsinkable Miss Sutton: spicy, fresh tacos, enchiladas and other Mexican foods prepared the way only the experts can prepare them; and hot, fragrant delicious chicken and barbecue dinners and another American favorite, hot dogs and cold pop. Nothing was forgotten; it was a real, *authentic summer picnic.*

The summer festival began in 1968, originated by the St. Joseph's Men's Club, as a fund-raising activity on behalf of St. Joseph's Parish. The men's club, along with the then pastor, Fr. Malcolm Maloney, sponsored the first Festival that year, and it proved so successful and so enjoyable that it has now become an annual affair, with more and more activities and attractions being added each year.

Especially active in the Festival planning this year were: Mr Tom Huron, festival chairman; Mr Hilario Martinez and Mr Florencio Orozco, games co-chairmen, and of course, the present pastor, Fr Carl Fehring.

All the work done in connection with the Festival was donated by volunteers, from church groups, including the St. Joseph's Men's Club, Ladies of St. Joseph's, Damas. of Guadalupe, Sisters of Isadora and the Legion of Mary, as well as many other parisioners, and also friends of the Parish.

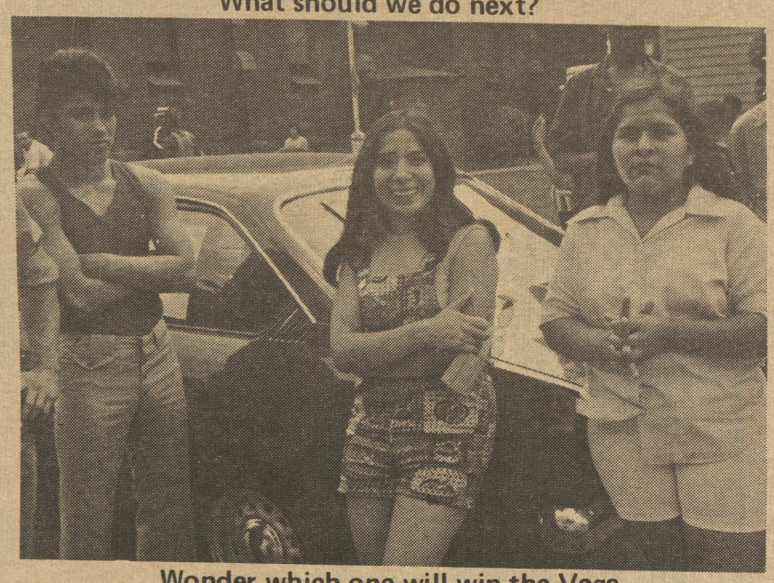
Chairman Tom Huron stated that the Festival's goal was to raise $10,000 for St. Joseph's Parish. All funds raised are used for the operation of parish activities and for St. Joseph's community service programs, some of which are of critical importance in the area.

Since at one point the crowd attending the Festival was estimated at above six hundred persons, it appeared the proceeds would come near the goal of $10,000.

Some people just get darn tired of shuffling around.

The games were played by everyone.

What should we do next?



Wonder which one will win the Vega.

Time out for a breather.

Miss Sutton keeping the festival goers informed.

Just like all festivals, there were lots of pretty girls.

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Sacred Heart

BY Willie Moore

Sacred Heart Playground, located at the corners of S. 7th and Cherry Streets behind Sacred Heart Parish, is a busy place. Throughout the day, activities include basketball, volleyball, and four square. There are two basketball rims and a marked basketball court, but the rims are only 8 1/2 feet high. There is also a volleyball court with a lot of space provided and four square can be played on a marked court. Balls and other athletic equipment, are provided by the Parish and there is plenty of adult supervision.

One comment, from one of the many youths who patronize the playground, was that the playground gives the kids something to do besides walk the streets or sit at home. There should be more available area playgrounds and parks for all kids to attend.

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Dear Ann Landers: This morning, burdened with too much work to fit into one day and very tired from the day before, I took out my frustration on my children.

This evening, I picked up a magazine and saw this Mother's Prayer, by Marjorie Holmes. I hope you will print it. Thank you in advance. – Alpena, Michigan Mother.

"Oh God, I was so cross to the children today! Forgive me. I was discouraged and tired – and I took it out on them. Forgive my bad temper, my impatience and most of all, my yelling. I am so ashamed as I think of it. I want to kneel down by each of their beds, wake them up and ask them to forgive me.

"But I can't. They would not understand. I must go on living with the memory of this awful day, my unjust tirades. Hours later, I can still see the fear in their eyes as they scurried round, trying to appease me – thinking my anger and maniacal raving was their fault.

"Oh God, the pathetic helplessness of children! Their innocence before the awful monster – the enraged adult. And how forgiving they are – hugging me so fervently at bedtime, kissing me good night. All I can do is straighten a cover, touch a small head, burrowed in a pillow and hope with all my heart they will forgive me.

"Lord, in failing these little ones whom you have put in my keeping, I am failing you. Please let your infinite patience and goodness replenish me for tomorrow.

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Jimmy Lynch Appears At The Diplomat

by CHARLENE BACON

Before his Sunday appearance at Diplomat Auditorium, the Valley Star coaxed Jimmy Lynch, on the wheel of his custom-made tangerine-suede-trimmed Eldorado and persuaded him to hold an impromptu press conference.

Jimmy was an unlikely sight, for a rising young star, in levis, nylon windbreaker and Jones-style hat and was hard to recognize as the smiling face on the posters.

First, he talked shop. Though his first recording success began in Mich., the real story started in Pittsburg and continued and he worked across the South. At first he sang and danced in a tuxedo and tried to introduce a hit of his now-famous humorous style. But, he said, "it just didn't go over." Jimmy had an 'image' problem, he soon learned, and the solution to it was the hugely successful, "Funky Tramp." The "Tramp" along with Mr Motion is now an integral part of "The Jimmy Lynch Show," which now includes a ten-member touring troupe, a very talented 6-piece performing band, strobe lights and other professional elements.

Jimmy talked about his material. His adult brand of comedy, he said, is not for everyone and adds: "The people who buy the records are not the people who attend the performances."

Asked whether his act has ever been troubled with censorhsip, he says, "I think, because things have become wide open in every area, that this has just been overlooked by the censors."

Even churches?

"I think maybe they buy the records," said Jimmy.

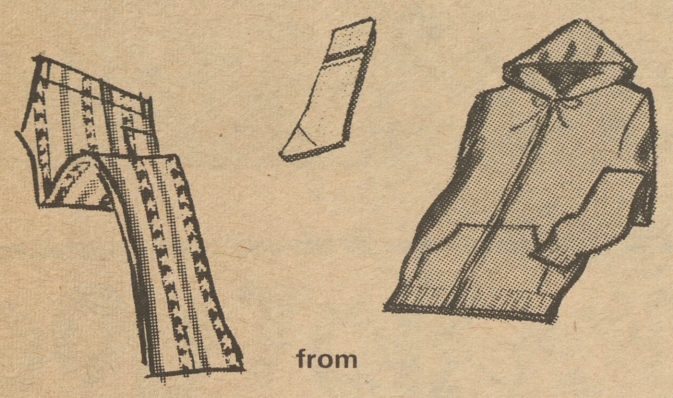
How hard is it, really, to make it in the entertainment business?

"It's hard, but it's fair. I think the most important thing for me has been paying the dues, putting in the necessary time and effort. It doesn't happen overnight. You've got to keep kicking at it.

What advice would you give to black young people who want to be in show business?

Entertainment is no longer the only field that is wide open to young black kids, but (with a chuckle) the money's still the best. And they've got to start young.

School-Time Casuals



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